

Statement

Through a correspondence with Prof. R. Ridgway we have found out that he did not receive many copies of the Wilson Bulletin in the past, through no fault of the editor, however, to whom no blame is attached. Hence, of course, it was impossible for him to quote the Wilson Bulletin in his work on "The Birds of Middle and North America," for you cannot quote from a magazine that you have not received. Under these circumstances the statement that Prof. R. Ridgway "persistently ignored" the Bulletin, as stated in the December, 1910 issue, is incorrect and is hereby retracted.

W. F. H.

Publications Reviewed

Catalogue of Canadian Birds, by John Macoun and James M. Macoun. Ottawa, 1900.

The Catalogue proper covers 761 pages exclusive of 26 pages of prefatory matter and index. It is avowedly a compilation, and as such shows a great amount of painstaking labor. Since the authors are primarily botanists rather than ornithologists, one could hardly expect to find in such a compilation anything more than a faithful reproduction, in abridged form for the most part, of published writings relating to Canadian birds. We miss some of the later publications on the region, notably the Point Pelee list by Taverner and Swales, which appeared in this magazine. Nor do we find evidence of discrimination in citing records. Rather, the reader is left to use his own knowledge and discrimination in accepting the cited records. We heartily commend the modest position taken by the authors in disclaiming perfection for their work, and earnestly calling for corrections and additional known in order that we may have a better basis for knowing the reasons for the invasions of the United States by species whose normal winter range lies within Canada.

L. J.

Birds and Mammals of the 1909 Alexander Alaska Expedition.—Harry S. Swirth.

This Bulletin has noticed briefly the work of Harry S. Swarth among the lower coast island of Alaska, during the year 1909, the published results of which expedition have lately appeared, bearing the Berkeley Press date of January 12, 1911.

It is in bulletin form, constituting No. 2 of Vol. 7 of the zoological publications of the University of California.

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